

# Look around us!



When I was young and *issues* arose, my mother would say, "Go up to your room and think about what has just happened!" Fast forward to today, when I visited a prisoner, he would often say to me. "I have had time to think about... "

In the Gospel, we read that when St. John the Baptist was in prison, he had time to think and doubt clouded his thoughts. He sent his disciples to ask Christ, his cousin: *Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?* (Mt 11:2).

In one of his writings, St. Augustine wondered: *How could John have referred to Christ as the Lamb and now question if he is the Messiah?* (Free translation)

Jesus' answer was to remind John of what had been accomplished: *Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor have good news brought to them* (Mt.11:4-5). In the second reading, St. James cautions us to be patient as we await Christ's return. He uses the example of farmers who calmly persevere as they await the earth's precious bounty at harvest.

We enjoy the feasts of St. John the Baptist, St. Valentine's Day and many holy days. The Gospels celebrate these important moments in our lives as we patiently anticipate our future with Christ.

**Yvon Cousineau, c.s.c.**

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 15, 2019

### Please pray for:

Lea Guilbeault & Ferruccio Berardo  
Pietro Iorio  
Benito Di Fruscia  
Archilaio Di Fruscia  
Concetta Starnino  
Dorothy Delorme  
Julia Cianci  
Dorothy Brisebois  
Dominic Gualtieri  
Livia Polo Sala  
Gene Maher Marshal  
Mary Zientek

### Requested by:

Family  
JP, Joe, Grace & Terry Iorio  
Wanda Di Fruscia  
Wanda Di Fruscia  
Wanda Di Fruscia  
Fr. Mike Shaw  
Léo-Paul & Mary Leclerc  
Fr. Mike Shaw  
Lucy  
Nassivera Family  
Brother Terrence Maher  
Nieces

### Winners of the 20/20 Draw: Congratulations to all who participated!

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Linda Vairo           | 8. Linda Glashan           | 15. Joe Zardo             |
| 2. Dan Philips           | 9. Frank Giannini          | 16. Robert<br>Marcogliese |
| 3. Stefano Magro         | 10. Phillip Gouveia        | 17. Gerry Romanow         |
| 4. Lynne Fornarolo       | 11. Mario Vincelli         | 18. Maria Di Placido      |
| 5. Ronald Van Der<br>Wee | 12. Dan Philips            | 19. Jack Romanow          |
| 6. Vincenza Tufano       | 13. Mario Vincelli         | 20. Terry Iorio           |
| 7. Lidia Faraggi         | 14. Agostino De<br>Pascale | 21. Heather Bernard       |

At last count, the BAKE SALE (bake sale / raffle / white elephant / crafts) event raised \$1695.55! More details to come.

Thank you so much to all of you who helped make this event such a great success!

As this was my first year coordinating the event, I had very big shoes to fill. I want to extend the most heartfelt THANK YOU to all the volunteers who made everything run like clockwork. I don't know what I would've done without you! ❤️ I'm already looking forward to next year! -- Suzanne P.

### **Holiday Mass Schedule:**

Christmas Eve mass is at 8:30 PM and

Christmas Day is at 10:30 AM

New Year's Eve is at 8:30 PM

New Year's Day: There is no mass

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**Université de Montréal seminar on Health and Spirituality:** Spirituality often appears on the radar screen of health care workers. How does one define the relationship between health, illness, healing and spiritual dimension of a person? What does research have to say about this topic and how does one integrate spirituality in health care? The seminar will examine several views on spirituality: medical, theological, anthropological, and ethical. Mondays from 9-12 from January 6th to the April 27th, 2020 at the Marguerite-d'Youville Pavillon, room 4030. For more information, contact 514-343-7506 or [fabienne.lescot@umontreal.ca](mailto:fabienne.lescot@umontreal.ca)

Last Sunday's collection was \$3605. Thank you!

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For those wishing to have a mass said for loved one or a friend, please see Sharon Murphy after mass.

The Childcare Centre will continue to be open with toys and playthings. However, parents will have to go down with their child or children, and care for them themselves. This playroom will be available for any parent whose child cannot sit through the liturgy.